

11,000 U. S. ENGINEERS ORDERED TO FRANCE TO BUILD RAILROADS

MEDICAL FORCE ABOUT TO SAIL

**First Uniformed Body to Carry
Flag to London Contains
240 Persons.**

This force, consisting of 240 persons, mostly from middle West colleges and schools of medicine, will sail from an American port on a British steamship.

have been until recently in training at Fort Totten, on Long Island Sound. Nearly all the men of this first American unit to enter the war had boarded the steamship yesterday, but she did not sail because washouts on a railroad from the West had delayed a large number of the

It was said that the unit had been ordered to sail by a British line out of compliment to our British allies, and that later hospital forces would be sent by steamships flying the American flag. Most of the force appeared at the pier of the British liner yesterday.

London has made preparations to re-

honor. This force will be followed immediately by other units from various sections of the Union, organized or under organization, that will bring the total beyond 20,000.

The Americans will report to British headquarters in France and will operate under British direction, but will not lose their identity as a strictly American fighting force, as they will fly the colors of Uncle Sam.

BIG WAGE INCREASE ASKED.

British Textile Unions Demand 65%

Per Cent. Advance.
Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.
London, May 7.—Practically the entire textile trade of England has been notified of a demand from the allied unions of an increase of wages aggregating 65 per cent. over the scale before the war. The unions say it is

BOMB SANK ITALIAN WARSHIP

Vincent Went Down.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

ROME, May 7.—Investigation of the sinking of the Italian dreadnought Leonardo da Vinci at Taranto some time ago shows that the explosion was due to

an infernal machine of improved type with a clockwork arrangement timed to cause an explosion at the exact moment when the ship was to leave port.

HE SAYS HE'S NOT DEAD.
soldier's Wife Doesn't Know If

She's a Widow.
Special Cable Despatch to The Star.
LONDON, May 7.—The most anxious woman in England is the one who on Friday received from her husband in the British army in France a telegram

The next morning, across the War com-

The next morning came a war council message announcing that her husband had been killed. Nothing has been learned about him since. Officials are unable to explain how the husband knew his

FRENCH MISSION

TRAIN OFF TRACK

Passengers Badly Shaken Up but Are Uninjured.

French mission to the United States were severely shaken up when the special train aboard which they were returning east from their middle Western tour, ran off the track one and one-half miles from here at 7:25 o'clock to-night. Four

The train, composed of five steel cars drawn by two engines, was running at a fair speed when the tender of the second engine jumped the track and tore up the rails for a distance of about 26

Minister Viviani, Marshal Joffre and other attaches of the party were dining at the time of the accident. Only the forward truck of the diner, however, le-

the railroad the jar was comparatively slight. M. Viviani and Vice-Admiral L. A. Chocheprat went forward and made an examination of the wreck. Marshal Joffre and others of the mission remained aboard the train and completed their interrupted dinner.

William Nye, in charge of the United States secret service, made a thorough investigation and announced as his opinion that the wreck was entirely accidental.

The first mishap of the French mission's tour occurred at Decatur, Ill., today, when the train ran down an embankment, killing Peter Quick as it was leaving an

Missionaries Reach Berne.

BERNE, May 7.—Twelve American missionaries from Turkey, with ten additional members of the crew of the

terned United States gunboat *Storpio* have arrived at Berne after three weeks' escorting of the Austrian frontier.